

**BEFORE THE SESSION:**

- Look over the suggested questions to the right. Ask God to guide you to the ones that will work best for your group.
- Be prepared to get the discussion going in your group if they're not feeling it today.
- Don't feel like you have to know all there is to know about scripture. Use this week's study notes to prepare yourself. But, if something arises that you can't answer, tell your group, "That's a great question. I'll research that and get back with you." Then, email eddie. mosley@lifepointchurch.org for help.

**THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA**

Our strength to face spiritual battles comes from Christ and His Word.

**TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Read the remainder of Joshua and the first 5 books of Judges. We'll begin looking at a very unique period upon the landscape of redemptive history.

**AS YOU READ...**

...Think about who in your life needs to hear about the things you're reading.

**CONNECT****(10 min.)**

Choose one of the following questions to begin your time together as a group. If your group has been together longer, you may want to skip question 1 in favor of question 2.

1. **Describe a time when you chose to be courageous. What was the source of your courage?**
2. **Is there currently a fear you are struggling with? How are you navigating this tough time? How can our group help?**

**EXPLORE****(40 min.)**

Say something like, "Today we are learning about how Christ and His Word are the source of our courage." Then guide your group through these questions.

3. **If you attended worship this week, what statement or experience stood out to you? What stood out during last week's reading?**

**(Leader:** Take some time to discuss any questions that may have arisen as your members read through this week's assigned reading.)

4. **Read Joshua 1:1-9 and retell the story in your own words.**
5. **Read Joshua 1:3-5, 9 again. What promises are given to Joshua? Which ones ask Joshua to look back and remember what God has done in the past? Which ones ask him to look ahead and believe God for future blessing?**
6. **Many times we feel a tension between boldness and wisdom in our personal lives. What does courage and wisdom in the midst of fear look like?**
7. **How does the Word of God serve as our guide for both courage and wisdom? Who in your own life have you observed living this way?**
8. **Read Matthew 28:18-20. Just like Joshua, Jesus was given territory. How far does Jesus authority extend? How does this knowledge of Jesus' authority and the promises God spoke to Joshua encourage you to fulfill your Radical Commitments this year?**
9. **What ways (other than what you discussed in question 8) does Joshua foreshadow Jesus?**

**TRANSFORM****(10 min.)**

Say something like, "Today we've seen how we can be strengthened and encouraged by the power God has given us through His Son and through His Word." Then wrap up your time by asking the following question and praying together.

10. **What new thing have you discovered this week that you did not know before? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about other people? What difference will it make in your life this week?**